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1. HAWAIIAN AGRONOMICS VENTURE FOR WHICH AWARD IS BEING CONSIDERED DOES IN FACT HAVE SOME LOOSE ENDS REGARDING RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PREVIOUS OCCUPANTS. WHILE FIRM PROBABLY HAS DONE ALL THAT CAN BE REASONABLY EXPECTED OF THEM, THE LOOSE ENDS POSSIBLY PROVIDED HAND-HOLDS WHICH CRITICS COULD GRASP IF THEY WISHED TO DERIDE CHOICE. IN ADDITION, PROJECT HAS REALLY NOT BEEN RUNNING LONG ENOUGH TO PROVE ITSELF ECONOMICALLY. FOR THESE REASONS POST RELUCTANT RECOMMEND AWARD TO HAWAIIAN AGRONOMICS.

2. FOREMOST ALSO MENTIONED IN REFTTEL ENJOYS FINE LOCAL REPUTATION AND CONDUCTS A GOOD OPERATION, BUT AN ECONOMIC FACTOR BEYOND THEIR CONTROL COULD RESULT IN UNFORTUNATE P.R. POSITION IF THEY RECEIVE AWARD. ASIDE FROM LOCAL MILK, THEY MUST IMPORT MILK POWDER AND BUTTER TO MAKE RECONSTITUTED MILK. DESPITE U.S. SURPLUS THESE PRODUCTS, LAST FOREMOST-IRAN STATESIDE PURCHASE THESE ITEMS 1967, ON ACCOUNT PRICE ADVANTAGE FROM OTHER ORIGINS. PRESENT ORIGINS BULGARIA, EAST GERMANY, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND.
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